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Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you, by the kindness of Mr. S. S. Farnington, of St Louis. a small parcel of N. England plants, such as lay nearest at hand.

I have been for many years engaged in collecting the plants of every part of N. England, & should be glad to send you any you wish in exchange for your own. I can send you specimens of almost all the N. E. plants mentioned in the books, with many others not recorded as belonging to it.

Having made many exchanges with Dr. Short, & some with Mr. Sullivant & Dr. Carpenter, I am already well supplied with their plants. & wish to receive from you such species as cannot be obtained from them. Dr. Short informs me that you have also many specimens of Texan plants, which would be particularly acceptable to me. I have a set of Nuttalls' Rocky Mts., Oregan, & California plants. & wish very much to make as complete a collection of N. American plants as possible.

I should be glad to have you make out from the books a list of your desiderata from N. E. which would be a guide to

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me in sending the man comma plants. I will send you at same future opportunity a particular list of my desid. from Torrey & Gray -

I send you a catalogue of the plants of Vt, printed badly, without proof sheets from me, or revision - Also two little papers from Hovey's Mag. written in great haste to fill up a reserved space - I should be greatly pleased to receive your observations of the spring flowering of the plants of St. Louis, particularly of any of those mentioned in my paper -

I had the pleasure of rec^d. from Dr. Gray a copy of your paper on N. A. Cuscutineæ - I send you in this letter flower of Cuscuta Epilinum, collected by me 16 or 17 years ago from a cultivated flax field in this vicinity - The scale is not easily found in the dry specimen - but in the living I found it as below Scale+ broad truncate with about 3 uneven teeth -

Ex vivis. 1826.

styles simple, distorted, neither capitate nor acute - flower not less than 5 cleft, one 6 cleft. scale somewhat transparent. short, not reaching to the insertion of the anther -

I should be glad of specimen of your Cuscutineæ -

I write in haste, as Mr. F. goes away this m^g - I should be glad to hear from you soon by mail. Mr Farrington will take charge of any plants you may send to me, & forward them -

With respect.
Yours, truly -
Wm Oakes.

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